

Walking School Bus: Follow Up Survey

<<Merge Name>> <<name2>> <<name3>>

Route <<>>

The walking school bus network at your school was launched on 1 September 2000. Prior to this, your family indicated an interest in participating on a walking school bus (WSB) if a route was established in your area. Apparently, however, your family is not using the WSB and we would like to understand why so that we can develop helpful guidelines for other WSB networks. We would appreciate you taking the time to answer a few questions and post the survey back to us in the freepost envelope provided.

Any questions? You're welcome to ring Paul Cottam, Safe Routes to School Co-ordinator, Christchurch City Council on 3711299.

1 Did your child/ren ever use the walking school bus in your area?

Yes 1

No 2 → **GO TO Q3**

2 For what particular reasons did your family stop using the Walking School Bus?

(Circle up to 3 important factors)

Lack of footpaths / Footpaths are unsafe 1,

Too much traffic 2,

Traffic moves too fast 3,

No safe places to cross the road/s 4,

It's too far for children to walk..... 5,

We live too close to the school 6,

Prefer to take children myself/ourselves 7,

Taking the car out then, anyway 8,

Weather (cold, rain, etc) 9,

Want a smaller number of children per adult in the WSB..... 10,

Other parents don't take the same care as me 11,

Too difficult to organise child/ren to be at WSB "stop" in time..... 12,

Wanted an earlier departure time 13,

Wanted a later departure time 14,

Days of WSB operation didn't suit our family 15,

Child/ren prefer to walk on their own or with others not using WSB..... 16,

Took too long for children to walk to school..... 17,

Other (please specify below)..... 18,

→ **Now go to Question 4**

3 For what particular reasons did your family not ever use the Walking School Bus?
(Circle up to 3 important factors)

- WSB "stop" too far from our home 1,
- Proposed days of operation didn't suit us 2,
- Preferred an earlier departure time from our "stop" 3,
- Preferred a later departure time from our "stop" 4,
- Concerned that my child/ren didn't know any of the bus "drivers" 5,
- Wanted more flexibility in departure time for school 6,
- Felt that the specific route was unsafe for walking 7,
- Taking the car out then, anyway 8,
- Weather (cold, rain, etc)..... 9,
- Want a smaller number of children per adult in the WSB10,
- Decided other parents wouldn't take the same care as me11,
- Other (please specify below)12,

4 How does your child/ren usually travel to and from school each day now?

- Walking with an adult 1,
- Walking by themselves..... 2,
- Walking with siblings or friends 3,
- By bicycle..... 4,
- By bus 5,
- Driven in a car pool 6,
- Driven by a parent 7,
- Other (please specify below) 8,

5 Has this changed since 1 September?

- Yes 1
- No 2

5a If yes, how has it changed?

**Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.
Please return it to us by 30th November 2000 in the Freepost envelope
provided.**